where or in other times regarded as evil. We find
too that what we call evil results in good, what
we call good results in evil. But this untoward out-
come of good producing evil is due to the confusion
and mixture of knowledge and ignorance, to the
penetration of true consciousness by wrong con-
sciousness, so that there is an ignorant or mistaken
application of our good, or it is due to the inter-
vention of afflicting forces. In the opposite case of
evil producing good, the happier and contradictory
result is due to the intervention of some true con-
sciousness and force acting behind and in spite of
wrong consciousness and wrong will or it is due to
the intervention of redressing forces. This relativity,.
this mixture is a circumstance of human mentality
and the workings of the Cosmic Force in human
life; it is not the fundamental truth of good and
evil. It might be objected that physical evil, such
as pain and most bodily suffering, is independent of
knowledge and ignorance, of right and wrong
consciousness, inherent in physical

Nature: but,,.
fundamentally, all pain and suffering are the result
of an insufficient consciousness-force in the surface
being which makes it unable to deal rightly
with self and Nature or unable to assimilate
and to harmonise itself with the contacts of
the universal Energy; they would not exist if in us
there were an integral presence of the luminous
Consciousness and the divine Force of an integral
Being. Therefore the relation of truth to false-
hood, of good to evil is not a mutual dependence^